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A dramatic black and white photograph of a stormy sea with a stone wall and a sentry box in the foreground. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, is visible through a break in the clouds. The sea is turbulent, with white foam from the waves crashing against a dark, rugged stone wall. On the right side of the wall, there is a small, cylindrical stone structure with a domed roof, resembling a sentry box or a small tower. The overall mood is somber and powerful, reflecting the themes of the poem.

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Is the American Dream a myth?
Two kids, a dog, and a house,
With a white picket fence.
Two cars and whatever else you can fit.
That path your mom and dad spoke of,
Where anything and everything is possible.
Just takes hard work and dedication,
The drive to push you through it all.
Did you ever stop and think?
Maybe it all was a line of bull,
Fairy tales to sugar coat the road ahead of you.
Cushion the fall that lies in front of you.

Maybe the truth lacks hope,
Maybe it hurts.
The people you're going to step on,
The lies you will tell,
The backstabbing of it all.
Would you want to tell a child the truth?
Maybe they're better off not knowing,
And maybe I'm better off not saying.